

# Tuberculosis In Minorities



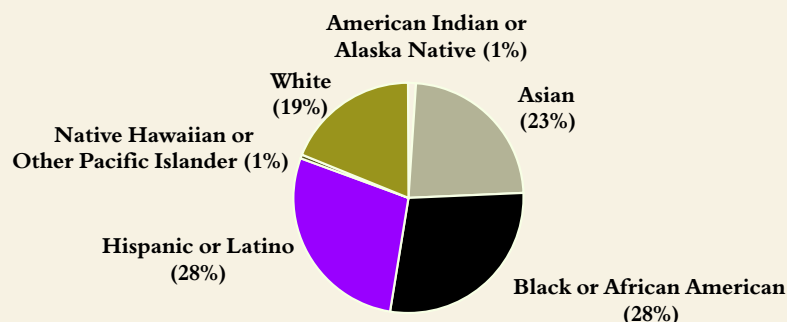
## TB Elimination: Now Is The Time!

In 2003, the majority (81%) of tuberculosis (TB) cases in the United States occurred in racial and ethnic minorities.

Several factors likely contribute to the disproportionate burden of TB in minorities.

- Among people from countries where TB is common, TB disease may result from an infection acquired in their home country.
- Among racial and ethnic minorities, unequal distribution of TB risk factors, particularly HIV infection, can also increase the chance of developing the disease.

**Reported TB Cases by Race/Ethnicity\*  
United States, 2003**



\*All race categories are exclusive of Hispanic. Persons reporting two or more races comprised less than 1% of all cases.

